

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 16, first full paragraph, please amend as follows:

The image capturing apparatus 100 includes an image monitor 110, a plurality of operation switches 112 and a release switch 114 on the front face 102, as shown in Figure 1A. The release switch 114 is located at substantially the center in the longitudinal direction of the vertical body, and the operation switches are located within an upper area than the release switch. A part of each of the front face 102, the right side face 104, a left side face and a back of the image capturing apparatus 100 serves as a grip to be grasped by an operator. The operation switches 112 include various kinds of switches required for operating the image capturing apparatus 100, for example, a record switch (REC), a playback switch (PLAY) or the like. The release switch 114 is a shutter button to be pressed by the operator of the image capturing apparatus 100. In the present embodiment, one of main features of the image capturing apparatus is to have a vertical shape or an upright posture that enables the operator to operate the image capturing apparatus 100 with his/her single hand, as shown in Figure 1A.